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Date: March 11, 2004

Docket No.: 0171-1068P

MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional
☐ continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of
pending prior Application No. 09/941,742 filed on August 30,
2001, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by
reference,
by

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for

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING HYDROPHOBIC SILICA FINE POWDER

1. ☒ Enclosed is an application consisting of specification,
claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if
applicable).

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2. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
BASIC FEE			\$770.00	\$385.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	1-20 =	0	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1-3 =	0	x 86 = \$0.00	x 43 = \$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$290.00	+ \$145.00
TOTAL			\$770.00	\$0.00

3. ☒ A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. ☐ Enclosed is/are _____ (____) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
- 6a. ☐ A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/941,742 on _____. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
- 6b. ☐ The current application qualifies for small entity status.
7. ☒ The prior application is assigned to Shin-Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd.
8. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 9a. ☒ Priority of Application No(s). 2000-262219 filed in JAPAN on August 31, 2000 is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on August 30, 2001.
- 9b. ☐ Priority of International Appln. _____ filed on _____ under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and _____ Application No. _____ filed in _____ on _____ under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.

10. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
11. ☒ Address all future communications to:

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12. ☐ An extension of time for _____ () month(s) until _____ has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/941,742 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
13. ☐ Also enclosed herewith is the following:

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment(s)

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